

EC-2057. A communication from the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Risk-Based Capital Standards: Construction Loans on Presold Residential Properties; Junior Liens on 1- to 4-Family Residential Properties; and Investments in Mutual Funds. Leverage Capital Standards: Tier 1 Leverage Ratio" (Docket 99-01) received on February 26, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2058. A communication from the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Disaster Mitigation Act"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2059. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination That Pre-existing National Ambient Air Quality Standards for PM-10 No Longer Apply to Ada County/Boise State of Idaho" (FRL6237-9) received on March 1, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2060. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of the Ozone Monitoring Season for Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee" (FRL6237-6) received on March 1, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2061. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: Extension of the Reformulated Gasoline Program to the St. Louis, Missouri Moderate Ozone Nonattainment Area" (FRL6306-1) received on March 1, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2062. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on flood damage reduction projects for the Beargrass Creek Basin in Louisville, Kentucky; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2063. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dicamba; Pesticide Tolerance, Technical Correction" (FRL6049-2) received on February 28, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2064. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Increase in Assessment Rate" (Docket FV99-989-2 IFR) received on February 26, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2065. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin; Additional Option for Handler Diversion and Receipt of Diversion Credits" (Docket FV99-930-1 IFR) received on March 3, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2066. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, trans-

mitting, pursuant to law, a report on an instance in which the Air Force did not fully implement a recommendation made by the Office of the Comptroller General in connection to a bid protest concerning workload procurement at the Sacramento Air Logistics Center; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2067. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the President's comprehensive Government-wide Performance Plan for fiscal year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2068. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's report on the Costs and Benefits of Federal Regulations for 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2069. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Department of Defense Civilian Acquisition Workforce Personnel Demonstration; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2070. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Removal of Umatilla County, Oregon, from the Spokane, Washington, Nonappropriated Fund Wage Area" (RIN3206-A110) received on March 2, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2071. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's annual report under the Inspector General Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2072. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Last-in, First-out Inventories" (Rev. Rul. 99-15) received on March 2, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2073. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules and Regulations" (Rev. Proc. 99-18) received on March 2, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2074. A communication from the Statutory Chairman and the Administrative Chairman of the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the status of the Commission's recommendations; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2075. A communication from the Chairman of the United States International Trade Commission, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to authorize appropriations for the Commission for fiscal year 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2076. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Proposed Method of Incorporating Health Status Risk Adjusters Into Medicare+Choice Payments" received on March 1, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ASHCROFT, and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 552. A bill to provide for budgetary reform by requiring a balanced Federal budget and the repayment of the national debt; to the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Governmental Affairs, jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, with instructions that if one Committee reports, the other Committee have thirty days to report or be discharged.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. KERREY):

S. 553. A bill to provide additional trade benefits to countries that comply with the provisions of the ILO Convention; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 554. A bill to amend section 490 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide alternative certification procedures for assistance for major drug producing countries and major drug transit countries; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 555. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to continue payment of monthly educational assistance benefits to veterans enrolled at educational institutions during periods between terms if the interval between such periods does not exceed eight weeks; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. JEFFORDS):

S. 556. A bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to establish guidelines for the relocation, closing, consolidation, or construction of post offices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. GRAMS (for himself and Mr. GORTON):

S. Con. Res. 16. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Government National Mortgage Association guaranty fee should not be increased to provide increased revenues or the Federal Government to offset other expenditures; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. KERREY):

S. 553. A bill to provide additional trade benefits to countries that comply with the provisions of the ILO Convention; to the Committee on Finance.

#### THE INTERNATIONAL CHILD WELFARE PROTECTION ACT

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I rise today, on behalf of myself and Senator KERREY, to introduce legislation that will chart a new United States approach to the terrible problem of child exploitation in overseas labor markets.

This legislation, the International Child Welfare Protection Act, will target new, additional trade benefits to countries that comply with the provisions of the International Labor Organization's Convention Number 138 concerning the Minimum Age for Admission to Employment, also known as the Minimum Age Convention.